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April 2019

As I write this message the sun is shining and the forecast is for a high of 16 degrees. We have survived a record setting cold month of February so the warmth feels especially nice. I remember some cold stretches from my childhood in Edmonton. Once the Edmonton Journal had a certificate on the front page that everyone could cut out proclaiming "I survived two weeks of -40". There is a certain kind of joy in having toughed it out through difficult times. I think that we may be holding back our children by not letting them experience adversity. Some parents and educators falsely believe that their role is to protect children from even the mildest experiences of discomfort. We live in a safety oriented culture, which in moderation is a good thing, but when taken to extreme can be harmful to us. Sometimes children are being taught to avoid any situation that makes them stressed or uncomfortable because they believe it will diminish them.

As Christians I think we need to counter this train of thought. We want our kids to be resilient, confident people who can overcome challenges. We don't want them to be reckless but rather we want them to be faithful servants of Christ who are willing to face adversity for his glory. John 16:33 tells us that "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." This sounds pretty easy but as parents many of us tend towards this overly cautious mindset. Some of us grandparents are experiencing this too. My three year old granddaughter Lani is an adventurous spirit with courage to try most anything. At times I find myself watching her like a hawk and repeating the phrase "be careful" over and over again. I hate the thought of her banging herself up as she jumps off the couch but the lessons learned from taking reasonable risks and the bumps that go along with them are important to her becoming a resilient and capable person. A person who is not afraid to follow Christ as there are costs to being a disciple.

When you see your kids playing in the puddles from this fabulous spring melt, try joining in the fun!

Principal, Randy Wood



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"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

See What's Happening at NorthStar Academy!

Here at NorthStar there is always something amazing going on and fantastic learning taking place. While we might not always be together to see the activities and effort being put in behind the computer, we know it is taking place and we believe it is important to take time to both recognize and celebrate it.

If you have not already done so, please also check out our **You've Been Framed** feature in our Moodle Learning Commons. This is an online gallery of student work showcasing some of the hard work and efforts of our student body.

Registration is now open for 2019-20 School year. You need to fill out a registration for each year your student attends NorthStar. Go to our website to get your registration filled out and sent into office@nsaschool.ca

WEBSITE: northstaracademycanada.org

Dates to remember

April 19-26 Easter Break ~ non-instructional week for Teachers. The office will be closed.

May 7 Curriculum Day at NSA office in Didsbury

June 10 Curriculum Day at NSA office in Didsbury

Moodle is always available even when the teachers are not.

Term 3 ACTIVITY DAYS

The Google form has been released! Sign up today!

Term 3 CLUSTERS

Start April 29—June 12, depending on Activity

If you have any questions please contact Sheila at sheila.mcilwain@nsaschool.ca

LIMITLESS

Saturday, April 13, 12-4pm Lockdown Escape Room and Combat Archery

Important dates to keep in mind!

CURRICULUM DAYS: May 7 and June 10

Diploma courses: last day to hand in work

June 5, 2019

PBR Gr 1-6: last day to hand in work

June 6, 2019

Online Gr 5-12(any non-diploma courses), PBR Gr 7-12 : last day to hand in work

June 14, 2019

MOODLE TIPS OF THE MONTH

- . Moodle works best on Chrome and Safari.**
- . If a test freezes or times out, log out, and try again. Your test should be where you left off.**
- . Microsoft office is needed for all assignments.**
- . Moodle is always running, even on holidays and PD days**

Bible Memory

April 2019

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),

3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”



This is open to all Teacher Directed, Online, and Home Education students. It is optional, and students and parents/supervisors can decide the extent of your involvement together. I know there are some students that want to do Bible Memory, but don't have a Bible Memory program in their curriculum, or love it so much that they want to do extra, so here is one you can use!

Check Us Out



Did you know that NorthStar Academy posts updates about upcoming events, contests, homeschool tips, and more on our website and social media? Check out the links below for all of the updates:



www.NorthStarAcademyCanada.org



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Spring Showcase

We have so many talented students and NorthStar and we'd like to share some of that talent with you! Enjoy!

*We want to see more of our students work that they have done!
Please feel free to submit your work, or pictures of your
creations to barb.johnson@nsaschool.ca!*

The following art work was done by Skyler using Sharpies and dollar store pens!



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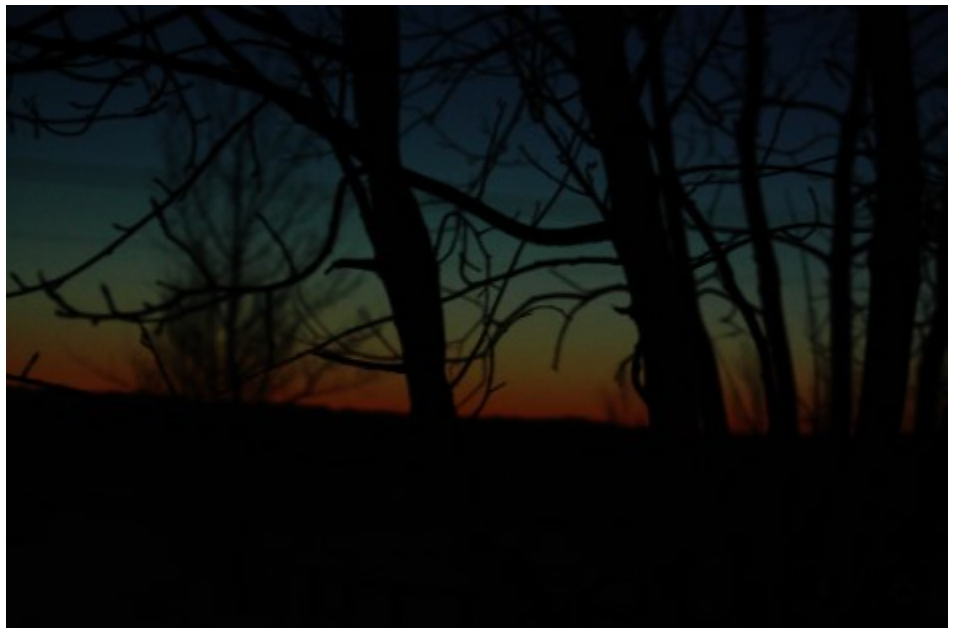
Spring Showcase

Beautiful photography by Sarah Banks



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Virtual Science Fair



NorthStar is pleased to announce the winners of our First Annual Junior High Virtual Science Fair!

Students gathered virtually for instruction and discussion on the scientific process and effective science fair projects. There was opportunities for group sharing, discussion and teacher support over a 3 week period. Finally students uploaded their final projects to the NorthStar YouTube Channel where our judges reviewed and engaged them in further inquiry.

Both winning participants presented top-notch projects with relevant and engaging topics while demonstrating exceptional skills in the scientific process and communication of results.

Congratulations !!!!!!!!

Gabe Wilfley who earned a first place!

Jade Hill who earned second place!

Europe Trip Opportunity



2020 Europe Trip









Almost two millennia since Paul journeyed to Athens and Rome to spread the Gospel, a group of students, parents, and staff from PCA will be headed in the same direction. The trip will include the sights and sounds of Rome, Capri, Sorrento, Pompeii, Delphi, and Athens, while hitting many lovely places in between. For ten days we will travel through some of the most beautiful locations, view Classical and Renaissance art and architecture, and even traverse the very locales and reference points of the early Church. Every student will have a chance to apply and enhance their understanding of the Social Studies and Bible courses in a very real and practical way. There is something to be said for standing on the very ground where Paul preached, rather than just talking about it from more than 8000Km away.

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Europe Trip Opportunity



YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

-  Full-time Tour Director
-  **Sightseeing:** 6 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 1 walking tour (3 with extension)
-  **Entrances:** Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum; Capri boat cruise; Pompeii Roman Ruins; Delphi site; Delphi Museum; Acropolis; Acropolis Museum
-  **weShare:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motor coach; night ferry; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (11 with extension); 1 night cabin accommodation; European breakfast and dinner daily
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Any PCA or NorthStar Academy students (or parents thereof) who will be in Sr. High in 2020 are eligible to sign up for the trip. **Students who are currently enrolled in Grade 9-11: THIS MEANS YOU!!!** The cost is \$3870 for students and \$4380 for adults. For further details about the trip, or to enroll, please visit my website at: <http://pcabunker.weebly.com/europe-2020---italy-and-greece.html> or contact me at: michael.robertson@ghsd75.ca

Michael Robertson is the Social Studies teacher at Prairie Christian Academy in Three Hills, Alberta. NorthStar and PCA work closely together as Christian schools in the Golden Hills School Division. Michael has led these tours for several years and is very capable organizer who is passionate about history and culture.



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